

## R. R. MEN TRY TO HOLD TAFT

In Vain Presidents of Six Big Systems

### ENDEAVOR TO SIDETRACK

Proposed Legislation—Conference at the White House—President Promises Special Message on Interstate Commerce on Wednesday.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Taft failed to give any word of comfort to a formidable array of railroad presidents, who descended on him bright and early yesterday and labored with him nearly three hours, urging him not to make drastic recommendations for railroad legislation to Congress in his forthcoming special message.

Mr. Taft made no concessions to the views of his callers. The Senate leaders will accede to his wishes and will put through the legislation he recommends. This comes from a high Senate source. It is said Senator Aldrich, who for some time has held out against the president's program, has been won over.

The president received his callers a little after 9 o'clock, and they were with him until nearly noon, while senators and representatives sat out in the rooms and cooled their heels. Attorney General Wickham, who drafted the bill the president will recommend, was in the conference most of the time.

At its close, the railroad presidents struggled out, looking as if they were not pleased with the interview, climbed into their autos and hurried away. None was communicative, and the most any would say was that objections had been presented to various phases of the proposed legislation, that the president had listened with attention and courtesy, but that he had given no assurances of any kind as to what he would do. This is taken here to indicate clearly that Mr. Taft has no intention of toning down the Wickham bill or softening the language of his message to suit the wishes of the railroad managers. He announced later that he still expects to send his message to Congress by Wednesday noon.

Those at the conference, besides Mr. Wickham, were President Malles of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, President McCrea of the Pennsylvania, President Lovett of the Union Pacific and allied Harriman lines, President Baer of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, President Finley of the Southern, and President Brown of the New York Central.

The conference was arranged by President Brown. In speaking of the conference he said certain objections to the proposed bill had been submitted but no assurances had been received as to what the president would do. Others in the party said objections had been voiced practically to the whole program of proposed legislation. It is said the president was advised that this was not an opportune time to agitate further railroad legislation.

The message will be largely along the lines of the president's Des Moines speech during his transcontinental tour.

### WANT INVESTIGATION

Suspicion that Peanut Shells Make Up Breakfast Foods.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday adopted resolutions, calling upon the national pure food commission to investigate if peanut shells constitute the basic element in the manufacture of breakfast foods. In a recent freight train wreck it was discovered that several cars consigned to breakfast food concerns were loaded with peanut shells.

### Women as Well as Men are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers who found Swamp-Root to be just the remedy needed. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

## The Fight Is On

Every moment of your life, when you are at home or abroad, awake or asleep—Between the poison germs that are in air, food and water, everywhere in fact, and the billions of your invisible friends, the little soldier-scorpions in your blood, if the little soldiers are kept strong and healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, you need have no fear of disease. Begin using it at once if you are at all under the weather, or have troubles of the blood, stomach, liver and kidneys. Get it of your druggist.

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### BOSTON STREETS FLOODED BY BROKEN WATER MAIN

Two Theatres Have to Cancel Performances in Consequence of Flooded Cellars. Damage to Property.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—The 28-inch water main beneath Tremont street burst last night near the corner of Tremont and Hollis streets and for nearly an hour a geyser of water shot 25 feet into the air and caused a flood in the neighboring thoroughfares. Two theatres, the Majestic and the Globe, an eighth of a mile away, were put out of business by the flow of water into the cellars and both houses were obliged to cancel their scheduled performances for last night.

The water flowed north down Tremont street from where the break occurred, thence down Elliot street to Washington street, there being a solid river three feet deep in places, from building to building. Many cellars of stores and business houses were filled, furnace fires were extinguished and goods in storage warehouses were considerably damaged.

Hundreds of pedestrians were marooned in doorways for upwards of two hours, until the water settled on the sidewalks and the surface trolleys in the flooded district were obliged to take round about courses. Tremont street from Hollis to Eliot was undermined and it is thought that the foundations of some of the buildings in the immediate vicinity were damaged.

### POWER HOUSE BURNED.

Fire Loss Estimated as Being \$200,000.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The thickly congested business district at the South End was threatened by a fire, which early yesterday destroyed the auxiliary power station of the Boston elevated railway at 580 Harrison avenue. The loss is about \$200,000. The building was located closely in the rear of a large central power station which fronts on Albany street, while on all other sides were large factory buildings. The structure, which was of brick, two and one-half stories high and 50 by 45 feet, was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived and a third alarm was hurriedly sent in, calling out most of the apparatus in the city proper.

### MORSE BEGINS HIS TERM.

Convicted Banker Arrives at Federal Prison at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Charles W. Morse, the convicted New York banker, sentenced to serve 15 years in the federal prison at Atlanta, arrived here at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning from New York.

He was met at the station by deputies and immediately hurried to the prison. Morse declined to make any statement to the reporters gathered at the train.

### ROOSEVELT GETS AN ELEPHANT.

Tusks Weigh 110 Pounds—The Party Now at Home.

Holms, Uganda Protectorate, Jan. 4.—The American expedition arrived here yesterday and reported all well. One hundred and twenty-seven miles were covered after leaving Kampala on Dec. 25. Colonel Roosevelt killed a bull elephant with tusks weighing 110 pounds, while the party was in camp at Kinyungu. The expedition will leave for Butaba, twenty-seven miles distant, to-day.

## SUGAR FRAUD CONFESSED?

Case of Government Said to Be Strengthened

### HOPES HELD OUT TO MEN

Already Convicted—Has Power to Lighten Sentences Greatly—This Will Depend on What They Tell Stimson.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Tribune says: Henry L. Stimson, special prosecutor for the government in the investigation of the sugar companies in this city, and his assistants succeeded in getting a confession last week regarding conditions on the Havemeyer & Elder docks of the American Sugar Refining company for several years prior to the summer of 1907, that added greatly to the strength of the federal case against the men convicted on December 17 and those who have been or still are to be indicted. This confession was followed by a prolonged session of the grand jury in the post office building, and on Friday some of Mr. Stimson's assistants spent several hours in the offices of the American Sugar Refining company, at No. 117 Wall street. It was reported that another indictment had been found, and that very little regarding the frauds on the docks, first discovered in the raid of Nov. 29, 1907, remained to be cleared up.

A former company checker, familiar with the affairs connected with the weighing of the sugar cargoes by the government employees, consented to aid the government. He was not living in this city when the secret service men aided Mr. Stimson learned that he had a story to tell. A long journey was necessary into a snowbound country to the North. The choice for the former employee of the sugar company lay between confession and indictment, and he chose the former. So that the proceedings might not be attended by publicity, United States Commissioner Shields was sent for, and in his presence, in an office at No. 38 Nassau street, the story of the conspiracy to defraud the government was told. This new evidence will be used, if the men convicted on December 17 obtain a new trial, as well as at the retrial of James F. Banderagel, former cashier of the company, on whose guilt or innocence the jury could not agree.

By reason of this confession, it was said Sunday, the government prosecutors have determined to oppose strenuously the attempt for a new trial for the convicted men, former employees of the American Sugar Refining company—Olivier Spitzer, former superintendent of the docks, and the former checkers, Thomas Kehoe, John R. Coyne, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey.

The argument for a rehearing of the case was set down for January 8. The prosecutors feel that they will be able to show that the case was decided on its merits, and also that the additional evidence will make another conviction a matter of course. Judge James I. Martin, who presided, will hear the arguments.

It was learned Sunday that, should Judge Martin refuse to grant a new trial, Mr. Stimson would endeavor to get the court to impose the limit of the penalty prescribed by law for those of the convicted men who have not confessed. The conviction was on two counts, and the maximum penalty that may be imposed is four years in prison and \$10,000 fine. The jury recommended mercy, but Judge Martin did not hold out much hope of hearing this on the morning after the decision. He clearly invited confession.

It was pointed out by a federal lawyer that Judge Martin made it clear that the scapegoat plan would have no effect, unless confessions were forthcoming. Overtures have been made by friends of the convicted men, generally with the purpose of learning what the attitude of the prosecution would be as to a suspension of sentence in the event of a confession, but it was said that no definite promises were made. From a federal source, it was learned Sunday that the greatest leniency would be shown to the five men, or any one of them, in the event of a frank statement of who was responsible for the short weighing frauds on the Williamsburg docks. This leniency might be in the shape of suspension of sentence or a very light one—more probably the latter—but of course this would rest with the court. Judge Martin in view of his remarks and the jury's recommendation would, it was said, be likely to heed the requests of the government counsel.

### Injunction Against Curtiss.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Judge Hazel, in the United States court, has granted the preliminary injunction applied for by the Wright Brothers against the Herring-Curtiss company and Glen H. Curtiss, restraining them from manufacturing and selling aeroplanes.

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### GOVERNOR HASKELL WINS.

His Prohibition of State Attorney General Upheld by Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The case of the Prairie Oil & Gas company, which attracted so much attention in Oklahoma during the campaign of 1908, because of the intervention by Governor Haskell in the interest of the company, was dismissed yesterday in the supreme court of the United States. The effect of the decision is favorable to the governor's contentions. The decision leaves in force the decree of the state supreme court issued Nov. 11, 1908. This denied State Attorney General West's suit in the Logan county district court to annul the charter of the Prairie Oil & Gas company. The court held that only on instruction of the governor or the legislature may the attorney general appear in state courts, thereby upholding the governor's right to enter original action on the part of the attorney general. The case formed the basis of charges made against Haskell in the national campaign of last year.

### FOUR MEN INDICTED.

One of Them is J. N. Husted, a Former Treasurer of the United States.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Former United States Treasurer J. N. Husted, with offices in New York, Samuel Graham of Montreal, Canada, Harvey M. Lewis and Everett Dafor of this city, were yesterday indicted by the grand jury on the charge of conspiracy and of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

The presentment was the outcome of a raid of the offices of the National Trust company here by postoffice inspectors last September. The company's scheme for guaranty of stock of other companies, on the basis of a commission of one per cent of the stock guaranteed, was worked in connection with the National Trust company of Delaware, which, according to the inspectors, was organized with \$1,000,000 capital, and the Washington company's original capitalization has been increased to \$200,000.

Lewis is said to have figured conspicuously as an official of both companies. The inspectors say they failed to find any material funds to justify the guaranty claims.

### TO HURRY OIL CASE.

Government and Defence Ask to Have Supreme Court Advance Hearing.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The case of the government vs. the Standard Oil company, involving an effort on the part of the government to have the company dissolved as a trust under the Sherman anti-trust law, was presented to the supreme court of the United States in a preliminary way yesterday, on a motion to advance the hearing. The motion was presented by Solicitor General Bowers and was concurred in by the opposition. They asked to have March 1 designated as the time for the hearing. The court took the request under advisement.

### The Cause of Colds

Good Advice Regarding the Prevention of Coughs and Colds.

If people would only fortify and strengthen the system, the majority of cases of coughs, colds and pneumonia might be avoided. These troubles are frequently due to weakness, which produces a catarrhal condition of the mucous membrane, which is an internal skin of the body. When this skin is weakened it becomes easily infected with germs, which cause many of the diseases to which flesh is heir. Healthy mucous membranes are essential safeguards of the body's general health.

An excellent aid in the prevention of coughs, colds, pneumonia, and such like infectious diseases, is a remedy that will prevent or cure catarrh.

We have a remedy which we honestly believe to be unsurpassed in excellence for the prevention of coughs, colds and all catarrhal conditions. It is the prescription of a famous physician, who has an enviable reputation of thirty years of cures gained through the use of this formula. We promise to make no charge for the medicine, should it fail to do us service. We urge everybody who has need of such a medicine to try Rexall Muc-Tone.

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## THE SPORTING WORLD

### Lamy Hard at Work.

Now that he has been reinstated by the International Skating Union of America, Edmund Lamy, last year's amateur ice skating champion, is once more confident that he will be able to show his heels to the other cracks in this country. He has been hard at work practicing for the past few weeks and is ready to tackle all comers. Lamy is one of the speediest ice skaters ever known. Last season he made



EDMUND LAMY.

a clean sweep of all the championship outdoor events from one up to five miles. In October last Lamy was expelled by the Eastern Amateur Skating association for an alleged failure to register before he entered the national competitions in Cleveland, Jan. 26, 1906. Not only was Lamy's appeal favorably acted upon by the International Union recently, but a resolution was adopted in effect that Secretary F. H. Coupe of the Eastern Amateur Skating union be removed from his office within fifteen days "for conduct on his part prejudicial to the interests of skating."

### ROLLER BASKETBALL REVIVED

Four League Circuit Formed in Chicago.

Roller basketball in Chicago is to have a big revival after a period of three years' inactivity. Teams have been formed among the skaters of the Edgewater, Riverview, Sans Souci and Madison Gardens rinks, and a league of four rinks has been launched with a schedule tentatively arranged.

With the exception of ice hockey, roller basketball is the fastest game played. It calls for such speed and grace on the roller skates that none but the most expert can expect to play the game. The rules practically are the same as those that govern ordinary basketball.

### KLING AFTER HUESTON.

Former Pool Champion Wants Another Crack at Title.

Even though Tommy Hueston defeated him decisively for the pool championship of the world recently in Kansas City, Johnny Kling is anxious



JOHNNY KLING, WHO WANTS TO TACKLE HUESTON.

to have another try at the title. Kling says he will shortly issue a challenge, backed up with cash, to Hueston. In the recent match Kling claims that luck deserted him and caused him to make many misses. At present he is playing in improved form. It is more than likely that Hueston will accept the challenge and give him another crack at the title.

## POOR CONDITION MAY DEFEAT JEFF

Fans Are on the Anxious Seat—Await Favorable Report on Big Californian's Training Before Betting on Him. Battle Will Surely Make History, with Him in Shape.

Pacifistic fans throughout the country will be more than pleased when Jim Jeffries settles down to the hard training work he has promised to do in preparation for his fight with Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight title July 4 next.

In the minds of a great many of those who follow the game of athletics closely the big Californian will have more than a hard task to fit himself for a strenuous battle despite the fact that he declares he will be able to do so. There are many reasons why the fans are on the anxious seat at the present time and are fearful of the result of the conflict on Independence day. The most important of these are the reports which have been coming day after day from the cities where Jeff was performing his theatrical contracts. These reports have had him suffering from various ailments, principally colds and lumbago, and no effort seems to have been made to cover up the fact that Jeff is in bad physical condition.

Jeffries as well as anybody else knows the strenuous training program ahead of him, and he also knows that he must be in good condition if he is to knock that black man, Jack Johnson, off the throne he now occupies. That is Jeff's ambition, and it is the ambition of the majority of fight fans to see him turn the trick.

But there is no gainsaying the fact that the reports of Jeff's poor condition for the last couple of weeks have served to arouse more doubt than before existed in the public's mind as to his ability to lick the negro. It is true that the Californian has been training while on the road in an effort to get into better condition, but it is doubtful if the benefit he has gained through such activity has offset the ailments which he has incurred by jumping from city to city for his theatrical contracts.

As a financial proposition this theatrical work is certainly reaping a harvest of golden shekels for the man who is to face the negro, but those who want to see Jeff defeat Johnson are not looking at the thing from a financial viewpoint. They want to see him in a condition that will merit their confidence; then they will be satisfied to bet their money on him.

With this confidence lacking it would not be a hard thing for even those who admire Jeffries to switch their allegiance to the negro, and there are a great many who doubtless would not allow their admiration to stand in the way of their better judgment when it comes to the real fight. Jeff's success as a drawing card as an actor is not questioned, but if he is not in the "condition of his life" next July 4 it will not be hard for those to remember what is written in the past.

As a factor in making the fight itself the success it should be, financial and otherwise, after the colossal purse that has been offered by Tex Rickard and John Gleason, the condition of the "big card" will cut a great figure. With Jeff really fit it will be a fight that will carry thousands of people to the ring. If he is not in the condition he should be in these same people might change their minds about attending it. And there is where the promoters would receive a jolt.

It has been said before that condition more than anything else will decide whether there is to be a new white world's champion or whether a black is to remain the ruling power. This means Jeff's condition, for it can be depended on that Jack Johnson will be ready and fit when the first gong starts what is expected to be the greatest battle in modern ring history.

When it is said that this contest will find such a prominent place in the record of athletic encounters the fact is not overlooked that it might not do so if James J. Jeffries is not in fit condition to place it there.

### PLANS NEW FOOTBALL GAME.

Gridiron Star Proposes Contest Combining Rugby and Present Codes.

New American football which combines all the advantages of Rugby and Intercollegiate games now played in this country is the idea of Pat Higgins, the well known Los Angeles football star.

Higgins expects to invent a number of plays and by trying out all combinations and plays which have been devised would evolve a set of rules superior to anything heretofore adopted. By demonstrations of actual play he expects to obtain an entirely new game which will solve the present football problem.

To bring the plan to the attention of the intercollegiate rules committee Higgins recently sent an invitation to Walter Camp inviting a delegation to visit Los Angeles and investigate the new game and co-operate in its development.

Nelson to Battle With Wolgast. Battling Nelson, the world's lightweight champion, and Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee are to battle forty-five rounds in Los Angeles Feb. 22. Nelson is to be given \$10,000 win, lose or draw, and the men will post a side bet of \$5,000.

### Great Runners to Meet.

Melvin Sheppard, the world's fastest middle distance runner, and Harry Gillingham, his worst rival, will meet in a special race in Boston, Jan. 22. The pair will compete in a half mile special race. In preparation for the event both athletes have begun training, and such is confident that the winner will hang up a new record.

Have you heard from the weather prophet? We've a message from him. It reads:

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The Prophet

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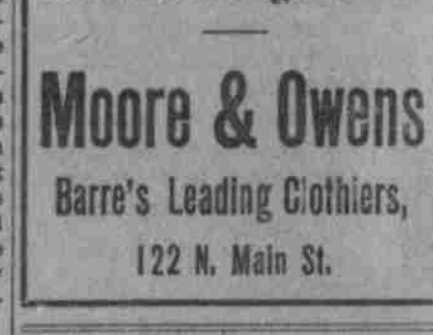
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LEMM A GOOD ONE.

Swiss Wrestler Certainly Entitled to Another Chance at Gutch.

Since his arrival in this country some time ago John Lemm, the Swiss wrestler, has made a splendid showing. In fact, he has proved that he is about the best foreign mat artist



JOHN LEMM, SWISS WRESTLER.

that has visited this country in the past two years. Lemm recently tackled Gutch and gave the champion more than he bargained for. Gutch agreed to throw Lemm twice within an hour, but failed. The Swiss is after another match and is willing to back his chances with cash. Lemm is slightly under the average height, but very stocky. He weighs 190 pounds and is tremendously muscled. He made a great record for himself in Europe the past two years.

### SPORTING BRIEFS

The Ontario (Canada) Curling association has 4,367 members enrolled in 107 clubs.

A tri-city motorcycle union has been formed by Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse cycle clubs.

Jay-Eye-See in 1884 was the first horse to trot a mile in 2:10. Now exactly 400 horses have covered the distance in that time.

Southern California colleges and preparatory schools which cling to old style rugby football have organized to boost the game.

The German emperor has again presented a silver cup and other prizes for competition at the English Royal Yacht squadron regatta at Cowes next season.

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